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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
G. Gutierrez, et al.
Serial No.: 10/813,388
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For: USE ... TOPICAL

: Group: 1617
: Examiner: Yu, Gina C.

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 18, 2007, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 12 to 21, all other claims having been cancelled.

Claims 12 to 17 and 19 to 21 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by the "Synthesis from the Sea" article and claim 18 was rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious thereon. The Examiner states that the article teaches a method of using a purified extract from algae, *Padina pavonica* to stimulate via Keratinocytes the